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C O N F I D E N T I A L NEW DELHI 5286

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: CASC, IN, LA

SUBJECT: MISSING AMERICANS: DEAN AND SHARMAN

1. AT THE REQUEST OF SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY SIMON, WE HAVE INFORMALLY RAISED WITH THE GOI THE QUESTION OF THE DETENTION BY THE LPF OF CHARLES MAITLAND DEAN AND NEIL SHARMAN, AND ASKED FOR ITS ASSISTANCE IN MAKING INQUIRIES ABOUT THEIR WHEREABOUTS AND WELFARE, AND IN OBTAINING THEIR RELEASE BE MADE BY THE INDIAN MISSION IN VIENTIANE.

2. THE JOINT SECRETARY IN CHARGE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN AFFAIRS IN MEA (MENON) AGREED TO DO WHAT HE COULD SO LONG AS THE INQUIRY WAS INFORMAL, NOTING THAT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT COULD NOT TAKE ANY ACTION OFFICIALLY ON A MATTER PERTAINING TO AMERICAN CITIZENS IN LAOS.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW WHETHER EMBASSY VIENTIANE HAS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED THIS CASE WITH THE INDIANS IN LAOS BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INDICATION WHETHER NEW DELHI HAS IN FACT BROUGHT THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE INDIANS THERE IN THE NEXT WEEK OR TWO AND WHAT THEY MAY BE DOING ABOUT IT.
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